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Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
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Draft report

I. Introduction

1. In the outcome document of the second United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, convened in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012, States decided to hold, in accordance with the relevant provision of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, a one-week biennial meeting of States in 2014 and 2016 and a one-week open-ended meeting of governmental experts in 2015 to consider the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action.[1]

2. In its resolution 69/51, the General Assembly decided to hold, pursuant to the schedule of meetings for the period from 2012 to 2018 agreed at the second Review Conference, the second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts on the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects from 1 to 5 June 2015. The Assembly also decided that its agenda would include the topics contained in paragraph 40 of the outcome document of the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.[2]

[1] See A/CONF.192/2012/RC/4, annex I, sect. III, para. 1.
[2] See A/CONF.192/BMS/2014/2, annex.

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II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the meeting

3. The second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1 to 5 June 2015. Ten plenary meetings were held to consider the key implementation challenges and opportunities relating to particular issues and themes.

4. Secretariat services were provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs provided support on substantive issues.

5. The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts was opened by the Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Kim Won-soo. The Acting High Representative also conducted the election of the Chair of the meeting.

B. Officers

6. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Chair:

Vlad Lupan (Republic of Moldova)

Vice-Chairs:

Rubén Zamora (El Salvador)
Bouchaib El Oumni (Morocco)
Kimberly K. Louis (Saint Lucia)
David Robin Wensley (South Africa)
Vincent Choffat (Switzerland)

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C. Adoption of the agenda

7. At the 1st meeting, on 1 June, the provisional agenda for the meeting (A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.1) was adopted. The agenda reads as follows:

1. Opening of the meeting by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs.
2. Election of the Chair.
3. Statement by the Chair.
4. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
5. Introduction to the issue.
6. Consideration of the implications of recent developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design for effective marking, record-keeping and tracing.

7. Consideration of practical steps to ensure the continued and enhanced effectiveness of national marking, record-keeping and tracing systems in the light of such developments, including ways to support the transfer, uptake and effective utilization of relevant tools and technologies.

8. Consideration of the transfer of technology and equipment, as well as capacity-building, in particular training, for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

9. Additional issues related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument.

10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.

8. At the same meeting, the provisional programme of work (A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.2) was considered and adopted.

D. Rules of procedure

9. At its 1st meeting, on 1 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts decided that the rules of procedure of the 2001 United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects (A/CONF.192/L.1) would be applied mutatis mutandis.

10. At the same meeting, in accordance with rule 63, paragraph (b), of the rules of procedure, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts approved the participation of the non-governmental organizations contained in the list made available to delegations in advance of the meeting.

E. Attendance

11. The Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts was attended by __ Member States and __ observers.

12. The list of participants in the meeting is contained in document A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/INF/1.

F. Documentation

13. The documents of the meeting include:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.1)

(b) Provisional programme of work (A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/L.2)

(c) List of participants (A/CONF.192/MGE/2015/INF/1)

III. Proceedings

14. At its 1st meeting, on 1 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda items 1 to 6. Statements were made by the Chair and the

Acting High Representative for Disarmament Affairs. Under agenda item 6, Consideration of the implications of recent developments in small arms and light weapons manufacturing, technology and design for effective marking, record-keeping and tracing, technical presentations were made by _____. Statements were made by the representatives of _____.

15. At its 2nd meeting, also on 1 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts continued its consideration of agenda item 6. A technical presentation was made by _____. Statements were made by the representatives of _____.

16. At its 3rd and 4th meetings, on 2 June, and at its 5th meeting, on 3 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda item 7, Consideration of practical steps to ensure the continued and enhanced effectiveness of national marking, record-keeping and tracing systems in the light of such developments, including ways to support the transfer, uptake and effective utilization of relevant tools and technologies. Technical presentations were made by _____. Statements were made by the representatives of _____.

17. At its 6th and 7th meetings, on 3 and 4 June, respectively, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda item 8, Consideration of the transfer of technology and equipment, as well as capacity-building, in particular training, for the full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Technical presentations were made by _____. Statements were made by the representatives of _____.

18. At its 9th meeting, on 5 June, the Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda item 9, Additional issues related to the implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument. Statements were made by the representatives of _____.

19. At its 10th meeting, held on 5 June, the Second Open-ended Meeting of Governmental Experts considered agenda item 10, Consideration and adoption of the report of the meeting.

Statements by non-governmental organizations

20. At the 4th meeting, on 2 June, statements were made by the representatives of non-governmental organizations.

IV. Consideration and adoption of the report

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